

REMARKS

This response places the above-referenced patent application in better condition for allowance, and therefore, is a proper response after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 5-25 and 44-59 are allowed.

Claim 44 is canceled. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 1-25 and 45-59 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b,e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under §103(a) as being obvious over Figura et al. (5,963,804).

Independent claim 1 is amended to recite the limitations of allowed dependent claim 44, which depended from independent claim 1, and therefore, claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Since independent claim 1 is amended to be allowable, claims 2-4 which depend from claim 1 are also allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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